

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE  
Transcriber's Office

January 29, 1998 LB 306, 939

be only a third or a fourth of their total capacity. Others that are not as large could take two years of the five years to get up and running, and then have difficulty reaching their full capacity within five years, Wenstrand said. I had to put on my light, just in case. "We are seeing more and more of the 500 to 800 employee companies." He said he was representing, not only the Sarpy County development group, but also the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce and the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry. LB 939 is sponsored and prioritized by Brown, who referred to it as a "technical" change to the bill adopted in 1995 that allows qualifying companies to retain state withholding from employee paychecks, up to 3 percent of their total pay, for employee training and other worker benefits. Although Micron, the company targeted by the 1995 bill, chose Utah over Nebraska, five other companies, all based in Nebraska, have used the provisions and expand...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to expand their operations. Wenstrand acknowledged, in response to a question from Senator David Landis of Lincoln, that the 1995 bill had not "landed the fish we had hoped for." Then a person testified who was upset about money not going for some other provisions. But my light is on, I'll speak one more time, then I'll leave LB 306 to its fate.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Chambers, you may continue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Madam President, sometimes nothing gets to duckin' trouble but his bill. There was this individual, and I've mentioned this on the floor before, who was charged with having bitten off an individual's ear. This individual, who was accused of having bitten off the unfortunate person's ear, was represented by a lawyer named Robert Wickersham. And lawyer Wickersham had trouble keeping his client from talking too much, and this lawyer, which is not our Bob Wickersham, felt like he had everything going his way. So our lawyer was questioning the witness who was testifying against Bob Wickersham's client. And he asked the witness, are you here to testify and say that my client bit this man's ear off? And the witness said, yes, I am. And our lawyer said, did you see him bite the ear off? And the witness said, no. That